Surat Lignite Thermal Power Project

3844. SHRI KASHI RAM RANA : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have set-up a Committee to study the Surat Lignite Thermal Power Plant;

(b) if so, the results thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons for delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) to (c) The Central Electricity Authority has accorded the techno economic clearance on 26.8.1996 to setting up of the Surat Lignite Thermal Power Project (2x125 MW) by Gujarat Industries Power Corporation Ltd.

[English]

Energy Efficients Pumpsets

3845. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have formulated a Crash Programme for improvement in the Energy Efficient Irrigation Pumpsets in the rural areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the total number of such pumpsets installed and are in operation in the country at present, State-wise;

(d) the details of the pumpsets which need to be covered under the scheme and funds to be incurred thereon during the current financial year, State-wise; and

(e) the quantum of energy is likely to be saved by introducing the programme;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI) : (a) and (b) With a view to tapping the potential for energy saving through the use of more efficient agricultural pumpsets in the country, the Central Government is assisting the States in a programme for rectification of agricultural pumpsets. Under this programme, besides giving financial assistance upto 50% of the project cost for taking up demonstration projects for rectification of agricultural pumpsets, awareness about installing energy efficient pumping systems is also being promoted amongst the farmers and the promotional agencies.

(c) and (d) State-wise details of energised electric irrigation pumpsets, a majority of which could be covered under the scheme, are given in the enclosed statement. About Rs. 16.2 crores have so far been spent in rectification of about 1.4 lakhs pumpsets in the country. During the current year, schemes for rectification of 26,800 pumpsets in Andhra Pradesh, Haryana and Gujarat are under implementation for which a total contribution of Rs.149 lakhs has been sanctioned by the Government.

(e) Evaluation studies conducted in certain States/ Regions reveal that the saving of energy through rectification of pumpsets varies between 20% and 30%

Statement

Statewise details to electric agricultural pumpsets energised upto 31.1.1997.

Sl. No.	States/Uts	Total Achievement to the end of 01.97
1.	Andhra Pradesh	1737046 (b)
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	-
3.	Assam	3675
4.	Bihar	268342 (a)
5.	Goa	5972
6.	Gujarat	586384
7.	Haryana	408196
8.	Himachal Pradesh	4699
9.	Jammu & Kashmir	5088 (c)
10.	Karnataka	1037998
11.	Kerala	311659
12.	Madhya Pradesh	1158754
13.	Maharashtra	2074617
14.	Manipur	45
15.	Meghalaya	65
16.	Mizoram	-
17.	Nagaland	176
18.	Orissa	69649
19.	Punjab	722708
20.	Rajasthan	538459
21.	Sikkim	-
22.	Tamil Nadu	1556666
23.	Tripura	1764
24	Uttar Pradesh	772191
25.	West Bengal	102307
	Total (States)	11366460
	Total (UTs)	36094
	Total (A-I)	11402554

(a) As on 31.12.1996.

(b) As on 30.11.1996.

(c) As on 30.09.1996.